## HOPKINS MARINE STATION



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Dear Josh,

Dr. John F. Bennett has just written to me of his interest in the position of "Curator of Human Biology and Chief of the General Reference Department" at Stanford University. He also asked me to prepare a confidential statement concerning his general qualifications, for use by the Stanford Placement Service. A copy of the latter is herewith enclosed.

Besides, he mentioned that you represent the Human Biology program on the search committee, but that he had thus far been unable to discuss the matter with you. However, he did not attempt to explain or outline what the position of Curator of human Biology implies. Thus I can only venture the conjecture that it would involve something like the development of programs for courses in the general area of human biology. And if this were to be so, I believe that he would be ideally suited to fill the position with great distinction.

All best personal wishes and regards,

Yours cordially,

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